

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
November 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on November 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilmen Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

Absent: Councilwoman Atwell.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks of T & M Associates was present.

The Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2015 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM COMCAST CABLE REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter to the Mayor and Council dated November 18, 2015 from Rob Clifton, Comcast Cable Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, requesting the renewal of the Comcast Cable's franchise with the Borough of Rumson.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

LETTER FROM AQUA-TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL INC. ADVISING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. EDWARD CUSHING TO THE STATE DEP FOR A FRESHWATER WETLANDS LETTER OF INTERPRETATION LINE VERIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11 OSPREY LANE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated October 30, 2015 from Aqua-Terra Environmental Inc. on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cushing. The letter advised of an application submitted to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation for a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Line Verification for property located at 11 Osprey Lane.

On motion by Councilman Broderick, seconded by Councilman Rubin, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

LETTER FROM MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD ADVISING THAT THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON HAS BEEN AWARDED THE 2015 PLANNING MERIT AWARD FOR ITS COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO COMMUNITY RESILIENCY:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he had received a letter late today and wanted to add it to the meeting because it was a great achievement for the Borough. He read the following letter from Paul Kiernan, Acting Chairman of the Monmouth County Planning Board, dated November 23, 2015.

Dear Mayor Ekdahl,

I am pleased to announce that the Borough of Rumson has been selected by the Monmouth County Planning Board to receive the 2015 Planning Merit Award. The Board commends the Borough for its comprehensive approach to community resiliency, beginning with the preparation of the Strategic Recovery Planning Report in 2014 and continuing with numerous plans, programs and reports that address vulnerability, risk and storm-related impacts.

The award will be presented at the next County Planning Board meeting scheduled to be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 21, 2015 in the Planning Board Conference Room, Hall of Records Annex (2nd floor), 1 East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey. Kindly notify JoAnn Denton, Secretary to the Board, of the names and titles of those who will attend to accept the award by December 7, 2015. Ms. Denton can be contacted at (732) 431-7460 x7462 or joann.denton@co.mouth.nj.us.

Congratulations and we hope you can join us on December 21st.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Broderick, this communication was accepted with appreciation for the recognition. All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he wanted to thank Dave Marks, Stan Slachetka, Tom Neff and all the engineers and staff at T & M Associates, as well as Sabine O'Connor and the other members of the Borough staff, for all their hard work on the plans and programs. He added that it was a huge accomplishment for the Borough.

Mayor Ekdahl also thanked them and stated that it was very well done.

Councilman Broderick stated that they were a critical part in the Borough's receiving this award.

Borough Engineer Dave Marks thanked them for their words of appreciation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2015-1124-154 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WARREN WINCH AS A PART-TIME PLUMBING INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2015:

2015-1124-154

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Little Silver to provide Little Silver with Uniform Construction Code Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson now has the need for an additional part-time Plumbing Inspector to cover the Borough of Little Silver; and

WHEREAS, Warren Winch has applied for the position and has been found qualified to perform the duties of Plumbing Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Construction Official Dennis Peras has recommended the appointment of Mr. Winch as a part-time Plumbing Inspector as needed; and

WHEREAS, Borough part-time Plumbing Inspectors James Ammaturo, Jr. and Eugene Ferry, Jr. were appointed to also cover the Little Silver area for an interim period over the last few months; and

WHEREAS, their services are no longer required for the Little Silver area with the appointment of Mr. Winch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Warren Winch be appointed to the position of part-time Plumbing Inspector as needed effective November 23, 2015 with an annual salary of \$12,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salaries of Mr. Ammaturo and Mr. Ferry be reduced to their original amount prior to the interim increase—\$24,392.00 for Mr. Ammaturo and \$11,312.00 for Mr. Ferry effective November 23, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Payroll Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Day and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

RESOLUTION 2015-1124-155 NAMING THE DEPOSITORIES FOR BOROUGH FUNDS AND SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATIONS:

2015- 1124-155

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Wells Fargo Bank; Bank of America; PNC Bank, National Association; TD Bank; Two River Community Bank; and Investors Savings Bank; and Valley National Bank be and are hereby designated as depositories for Borough funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that until otherwise changed all checks, warrants, notes and other financial papers for the ***Borough of Rumson Municipal Court and Municipal Court Bail*** be signed by Municipal Court Administrator Carol Ann Dice or Deputy Municipal Court Administrator Janice Swaggerty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that until otherwise changed all checks warrants, notes and other financial papers for the ***Borough of Rumson Payroll Account*** be signed by two of the following officials: Mayor John E. Ekdahl, or in his absence by the President of the Council Joseph K. Hemphill, Chief Financial Officer Helen L. Graves, or in her absence Deputy Tax Collector Marie L. Kuhlthau, Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers or Deputy Municipal Clerk Jane F. Hartman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that until otherwise changed all checks warrants, notes and other financial papers for Borough of Rumson bank accounts not listed above be signed by the Mayor, John E. Ekdahl, or in his absence by the President of the Council, Joseph K. Hemphill, countersigned by Chief Financial Officer Helen L. Graves, or in her absence Deputy Tax Collector Marie L. Kuhlthau, and countersigned by Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers, or in his absence, Deputy Municipal Clerk Jane F. Hartman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that until otherwise changed all Domestic Wire transfers, ACH transactions and transfer of funds between Borough of Rumson Accounts be authorized by Chief Financial Officer Helen L. Graves, or in her absence Deputy Tax Collector Marie L. Kuhlthau, or by Municipal Clerk Thomas S. Rogers, or in his absence, Deputy Municipal Clerk Jane F. Hartman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that until otherwise changed all Domestic Wire transfers and transfer of funds between Borough of Rumson Accounts be verified by one of the officials designated above to authorize the transaction; however, the official verifying the transaction must be someone other than the official who authorized it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forthwith transmitted by the Municipal Clerk to the banking institutions with whom the Borough does its business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Broderick and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

RESOLUTION 2015-1124-156 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS FOR BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS, MONMOUTH COUNTY ROUTES 34 & 520 AND BUENA VISTA AVENUE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that this was the same Resolution that was adopted at the November 10, 2015 Council meeting, however, the County had a few adjustments to our Plan, including the naming the plan. He added that everything else remains the same in the following except the name of the Resolution.

2015-1124-156

BOROUGH OF RUMSON

**BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS, MONMOUTH COUNTY
ROUTES 34 & 520 AND BUENA VISTA AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has adopted Resolution 2014-0722-106 on July 22, 2014 supporting bike lane improvements which promote road sharing as a key component of a comprehensive Complete Streets initiative on both local and County roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has identified Monmouth County Route 34 (Ridge Road) between Hance Road and Buena Vista Avenue, Buena Vista Avenue between Ridge Road and Rumson Road, and Monmouth County Route 520 (Rumson Road) between Buena Vista Avenue and Avenue of Two Rivers as part of a preferred route for bicycle travel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has requested that Monmouth County construct certain bike lane improvements pursuant to the Monmouth County Bicycle Facility Policy and Guidelines, adopted July 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, David Marks, PE, CME has prepared plans for said bike lane improvements entitled "Bike Lane Improvements, Monmouth County Routes 34 & 520 and Buena Vista Avenue" dated November 9, 2015, last revised November 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson have reviewed said plans and found them to be in order and appropriate to the need for these improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approve the referenced plans for the installation of bicycle facilities along Monmouth County Route 34 (Ridge Road) between Hance Road and Buena Vista Avenue, Buena Vista Avenue between Ridge Road and Rumson Road, Monmouth County Route 520 (Rumson Road) between Buena Vista Avenue and Avenue of Two Rivers in the Borough of Rumson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans entitled "Bike Lane Improvements, Monmouth County Routes 34 & 520 and Buena Vista Avenue" dated November 9, 2015, last revised November 19, 2015, be submitted to the County of Monmouth for construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Rumson will enter into an agreement with the County of Monmouth regarding the cost and maintenance of said bicycle improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this Resolution to the Borough Engineer and to Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, Hall of Records, 1 East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728 and Joseph M. Ettore, P.E., County Engineer, Hall of Records Annex, 1 East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728.

The above Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman Rubin. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2015-1124-157 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVER-PAYMENT FOR BLOCK 18, LOT 65:

2015- 1124-157

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR BLOCK 18, LOT 65**

WHEREAS, the Added Assessment amount billed for the 2015 4th quarter property taxes for Block 18, Lot 65 was \$30,008.72; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2015, payment in the amount of \$19,987.47 was remitted by the property owner, Wesley Gaus; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2015, payment in the amount of \$10,021.25 was remitted by the property owner, Ann I. Gaus; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, a duplicate payment, in the amount of \$30,008.72, was made by TD Bank; and

WHEREAS, this payment created an overpayment in the amount of \$30,008.72; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Gaus has requested a refund of the overpayment in the amount of \$30,008.72; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector, has confirmed this overpayment and recommends a refund in the amount of \$19,987.47 be made to Wesley Gaus;

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector, has confirmed this overpayment and recommends a refund in the amount of \$10,021.25 be made to Ann I. Gaus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that \$19,987.47 of the \$30,008.72 tax overpayment for Block 18, Lot 65 be refunded to Wesley Gaus, 80 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that \$10,021.25 of the \$30,008.72 tax overpayment for Block 18, Lot 65 be refunded to Ann I. Gaus, 80 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION 2015-1124-158 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVER-PAYMENT FOR BLOCK 75, LOT 6:

2015-1124-158

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR BLOCK 75, LOT 6**

WHEREAS, the Added Assessment amount billed for the 2015 4th quarter property taxes for Block 75, Lot 6 was \$17,300.39; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2015, payment in the amount of \$17,300.39 was remitted by the property owners, William and Katherine Thompson; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, a duplicate payment, in the amount of \$17,300.39, was made by Corelogic on behalf of the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, this payment created an overpayment in the amount of \$17,300.39; and

WHEREAS, William Thompson has requested a refund of the overpayment in the amount of \$17,300.39; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector, has confirmed this overpayment and recommends a refund in the amount of \$17,300.39 be made to William and Katherine Thompson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the tax overpayment, in the amount of \$17,300.39, for Block 75, Lot 6 be refunded to William and Katherine Thompson, 12 Tyson Lane, Rumson, NJ 07760; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION 2015-1124-159 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVER-
PAYMENT FOR BLOCK 111, LOT 16:**

2015- 1124-159

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR BLOCK 111, LOT 16**

WHEREAS, the amount billed for the 2015 4th quarter property taxes for Block 111, Lot 16 was \$7,474.81; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2015, payment in the amount of \$7,474.81 was remitted by Title Resource Group on behalf of the property owners, Matthew and Danielle Kaufman; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2015, a duplicate payment, in the amount of \$7,474.81, was made by Corelogic on behalf of the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, this payment created an overpayment in the amount of \$7,474.81; and

WHEREAS, Trish Simon of Title Resource Group has requested a refund of the overpayment in the amount of \$7,474.81 be made directly to the property owners, Matthew and Danielle Kaufman; and

WHEREAS, Helen L. Graves, Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector, has confirmed this overpayment and recommends a refund in the amount of \$7,474.81 be made to Matthew and Danielle Kaufman, 7 Rivers Edge Drive, Rumson NJ 07760;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the tax overpayment, in the amount of \$7,474.81, for Block 111, Lot 16 be refunded to Matthew and Danielle Kaufman, 7 Rivers Edge Drive, Rumson NJ 07760; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilman Rubin moved the adoption of the above three (3) Resolutions on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Day and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Ekdahl made the following Announcements:

1. Borough Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th and on Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th and collection will be on the next regular collection day. However, there **will** be garbage collection on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27th for those scheduled for Friday collection.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

2. The employees of the Rumson Department of Public Works will be holding their Annual Toy Drive again this year. A *new, unwrapped* gift for a boy or girl can be dropped off at the Public Works Garage behind Borough Hall on Friday, December 11th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The toys will again be donated to the Family & Children’s Services in Long Branch and the Salvation Army in Red Bank. We ask that you help to make this year’s DPW Annual Toy Drive a great success.
3. Hanukkah begins at sundown on Sunday, December 6th. I would like to wish all our Jewish residents and friends a Happy Hanukkah.
4. Please remember that the Borough prohibits all vehicles from parking overnight (prohibited 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.) on Borough streets starting December 1st and continuing through March 31st. This is to allow for proper snow removal from our streets.

Thank you.

FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

The Financial Officer’s Reports disclosed the following as of October 31, 2015:

Borough of Rumson
Chief Financial Officer Report to the Mayor and Council

Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending: October 31, 2015

Funds	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	\$ 17,431,259.71	\$ 3,263,411.43	\$ (1,284,892.25)	\$ 19,409,778.89
Change Funds	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ —
Total Current Fund	\$ 17,431,559.71	\$ 3,263,411.43	\$ (1,284,892.25)	\$ 19,410,078.89
2. CAPITAL FUND				
Capital Fund Checking	\$ 2,198,887.53	\$ 82,619.63	\$ (432,414.73)	\$ 1,849,092.43
2007 Capital Improvement	\$ 165,270.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 165,270.83
Bond Proceeds				
Total Capital Fund	\$ 2,364,158.36	\$ 82,619.63	\$ (432,414.73)	\$ 2,014,363.26
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	\$ 2,981.86	\$ 270,562.68	\$ (270,562.68)	\$ 2,981.86
Payroll Agency	\$ 10,905.91	\$ 161,065.13	\$ (161,065.13)	\$ 10,905.91
Total Payroll & Payroll Agency	\$ 13,887.77	\$ 431,627.81	\$ (431,627.81)	\$ 13,887.77
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	\$ 811,224.99	\$ 11,004.00	\$ (6,341.69)	\$ 815,887.30
Unemployment Trust	\$ 96,168.56	\$ 686.64	\$ (6,748.13)	\$ 90,107.07
Recreation Trust	\$ 378,873.26	\$ 51,553.50	\$ (22,371.26)	\$ 408,055.50

C.O.A.H. Trust	\$ 1,950,591.29	\$ 21,508.14	\$ (11,514.40)	\$ 1,960,585.03
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$ 435.52	\$.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 435.82
D.A.R.E.	\$ 11,152.93	\$ 7.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,160.51
Cafeteria Plan	\$ 9,298.51	\$ 0.00	\$ (63.84)	\$ 9,234.67
Animal Control Trust Fund	\$ 20,458.85	\$ 156.00	\$ (667.83)	\$ 19,947.02
Public Assistance Trust Fund	\$ 839.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 839.35
Total Trust Funds	\$ 3,279,043.26	\$ 84,916.16	\$ (47,707.15)	\$ 3,316,252.27
 TOTAL ALL FUNDS	 \$ 23,088,649.10	 \$ 3,862,575.03	 \$ (2,196,641.94)	 \$ 24,754,582.19

Respectfully submitted by:

Helen L. Graves

Helen L. Graves, Chief Financial Officer

On motion by Councilman Broderick, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the Financial Officer’s Report was ordered received and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

\$	350.00	Kerry Gowan
\$	350.00	Animal Control Account
\$	195,985.77	S Brothers Inc
\$	131,211.86	Woodward Construction Co
\$	327,197.63	Capital Account
\$	4,104.35	John I Frederick Esq &
\$	7,635.03	Michael A Vespasiano &
\$	110.25	AR Communications
\$	52.25	Asbury Park Press
\$	75.00	Bayshore Fire & Safety LLC
\$	3,200.00	Becker Tree Service
\$	30.00	Tamila Bumback
\$	59.19	Circle Chevrolet Inc
\$	259.66	Continental Fire & Safety Inc
\$	19.10	Larry D’Angelo
\$	4,019.52	Delta Dental of New Jersey Inc
\$	373.99	F & C Automotive Supply Inc
\$	19,987.47	Wesley Gaus
\$	10,021.25	Ann I Gaus
\$	8,167.31	JCP&L
\$	373.60	Johnny on the Spot Inc
\$	7,474.81	Matthew & Danielle Kaufman
\$	78.55	Lawes
\$	880.94	Level 3 Communications LLC
\$	81.30	Kevin McCarthy
\$	523.00	MGL Printing Solutions
\$	216.56	Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre Inc
\$	130.87	Monmouth Truck Equipment
\$	184.90	Naylor’s Auto Parts
\$	1,975.07	New Jersey American Water
\$	220.94	One Call Concepts
\$	260.27	Scott Paterson
\$	850.00	Pumping Services Inc
\$	135.98	Republic Services of NJ LLC
\$	721.67	Ricoh USA Inc
\$	145.34	Thomas S Rogers

\$	776.50	Smartsign
\$	352.55	Staples Advantage
\$	468.75	Stavola Asphalt Co Inc
\$	17,300.39	William & Katherine Thompson
\$	775.50	Trane
\$	26.04	The Two River Times
\$	191.80	U-Line Inc
\$	276.72	Verizon
\$	311.92	Verizon Wireless
\$	134.99	Verizon Business Fios
\$	50.00	Wageworks
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\$	93,033.33	Current Fund
\$	1,350.00	All American Mobile Marine
\$	275.00	William Beyer
\$	2,875.60	Board of Education
\$	40.00	Ryan Champeau
\$	620.00	Matthew Cheslock
\$	2,376.00	Congregation B’Nai Israel
\$	8,800.00	Conner Strong & Buckelew
\$	291.60	Craze John’s Inc
\$	200.00	Brendan Durney
\$	110.00	Justin Durney
\$	180.00	William Gettings
\$	60.00	Mitchell Lauria
\$	60.00	Christopher Maffeo
\$	75.00	Patrick Joseph Maisto
\$	75.00	Matthew P Maisto
\$	105.00	Theodore Montalbano
\$	100.00	Thomas Montalbano
\$	50.00	William O’Brien
\$	125.00	Ethan Peters
\$	3,500.00	Play-Well Teknologies
\$	60.00	Powerhouse Signworks
\$	170.00	Hannah Jane Reynolds
\$	17.58	Staples Advantage
\$	225.00	Brianna Worobel
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\$	21,740.78	Recreation Account
\$	93,033.33	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	350.00	Animal Control Fund Expenses
\$	327,197.63	Capital Fund Disbursements
\$	21,740.78	Recreation Disbursements
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\$	442,321.74	Total Of All Funds

Resolution seconded by Councilman Broderick and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and the following resident responded:

Joseph Kelly of 72 Ridge Road distributed copies of the following to the Mayor and Council concerning the safety of synthetic turf fields:

- An article titled “Pallone Calls for Answers from EPA on Safety of Synthetic Fields”
- A letter from the Congress of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce to the Administrator of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- A memorandum regarding “Potential Risks of the Tire Crumb” from Stephen S. Tuber, Assistant Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
- A report entitled “Region 8 Crumb Rubber Research and Recommendations”
- A letter to the Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission from the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

Mr. Kelly stated that he wanted to point out the information contained in the above documents that question the safety of synthetic turf fields by our government and the lack of response by the Environmental Protection Agency. He stated that he finds it very troublesome that we would be putting our children, grandchildren and ourselves at risk by having synthetic turf fields in our parks. Mr. Kelly stated that the information notes that people should not lie, sit, or roll around on the materials for recreational purposes, and he just wanted to make sure the Mayor and Council were aware of the information.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that he was aware of the Pallone letter but not the others.

Mr. Kelly asked the Mayor and Council if they were concerned with the health risks.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that we all have to be concerned and that he understands what Mr. Kelly was saying. He pointed out that RFH High School has been playing all their games on the synthetic football field for almost ten years and many of the Thanksgiving Day football games would be played on synthetic fields, so he also sees the widespread use of the materials.

Mr. Kelly stated that, even though the High School and NFL use synthetic turf, these are questions that are being raised now and it shows ambiguity as to the safety. He stated that if the Council could say, “Mr. Kelly they are one hundred percent safe, you have nothing to worry about,” then he would be reassured, but he didn’t think that statement could be made. Mr. Kelly stated that the government leaders and agencies are asking these questions regarding the safety of its use and feels that we should also be asking the questions as to the safety of the material for the sake of the children.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that he felt Mr. Kelly’s comments were fair.

Mr. Kelly wished the Mayor and Council a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked them for their time.

Mayor Ekdahl thanked Mr. Kelly for providing the documents and wished him a Happy Thanksgiving as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator